

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Donald E. Bittinger Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-200

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

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Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Alexander - Connor _____
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable
BK _____
Reviewer, NR program Date 7/24/98

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Donald E. Bittinger Farm
G-IV-A-200
810 Monte Vista Road
Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1885
Private

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Inventory No. G-IV-A-200

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Donald E. Bittinger Farm

2. Location

street & number 810 Monte Vista Road _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Donald E. Bittinger et al ; c/o Cecil and Arletta Bittinger

street & number 810 Monte Vista Road telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-20-215

city, town Oakland liber and folio 661/815 & 209/115

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<u>X</u> agriculture _____ landscape	Contributing Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>7</u> <u>5</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense <input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>7</u> <u>5</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry <input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This farm complex includes a late-nineteenth-century farmhouse, a barn, two garages, and several additional domestic and agricultural buildings. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed frame L-plan dwelling with an open hip-roofed front porch, a one-story, gable-roofed rear addition, and a small one-story shed-roofed addition. The house faces west and stands on an open, hilltop site about a mile south of Oakland.

The house rests on a concrete block foundation that encloses a full cellar. The walls are clad in gray aluminum siding with white trim, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with an aluminum eave. An exterior concrete block chimney rises on the south gable. Triangular louvers at each gable peak ventilate the attic. The large rear addition is clad in matching aluminum siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof.

Fenestration consists primarily of single, one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash finished with aluminum surrounds. A three-part jalousie window lights the rear elevation of the shed-roofed addition, and a large tripartite focal window lights the same elevation of the shed-roofed addition. The front entrance is roughly centered on the west elevation; it is fitted with a set of double wood and multipaned glass doors embellished with a broken arch pedimented surround. A side entrance leads into the north elevation, but the door was not visible when the house was surveyed. A cellar entrance pierces the east elevation and contains a paneled wooden door.

The front porch, which spans about two-thirds of the width of the house, consists of a concrete block foundation and a concrete deck. Four modern Doric columns support the asphalt-shingled hipped roof. An open set of wooden steps flanked by wooden handrails leads up to the small shed-roofed rear addition.

Several outbuildings stand on the property. Just off the northeast corner of the house stands a modern one-story gable-roofed, gable-fronted frame garage. This building is clad in a combination of vertical boards and shingles and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof; it accommodates one car. Further to the east stands a concrete block garage. This building is also topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof and is accessed by a metal garage door. A large two-story gable-roofed concrete block shed topped with a corrugated metal roof stands just to the east of the garage; this building is accessed by two oversized sliding metal doors on its south elevation. To the north stands a smaller two-story concrete block shop. This building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with exposed rafter feet and lit by several six-light sash windows. Two long, open, shed-roofed and slat-sided corn cribs resting on concrete block piers stand further to the east. These buildings are both gable-fronted. A larger one-story shed-roofed frame shed clad in vertical boards and topped with a corrugated metal roof stands near the corn cribs. Sliding wooden doors on one long elevation provide access to the interior. A large gambrel-roofed bank barn clad in vertical board siding stands to the east of all of the other buildings. This building rests on a concrete block foundation and is accessed by a large set of sliding wooden doors on its ramped western elevation. A half-gambrel-roofed frame lean-to addition joins the northeast gable of the barn, and a metal silo topped with a metal dome roof and secured with metal turnbuckles stands adjacent to the southwest gable. Also attached to the southwest gable is a one-story yellow brick dairy. This addition is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof and lit with glass brick windows; a single wood and glass door pierces the southwest gable. A small gable-fronted concrete block tractor shed stands near the silo. This building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a wooden eave and a projecting roof overhang on one gable.

The entire complex extends eastward along a dirt drive that curves behind the house and leads up to the ramp of the barn. Barbed-wire fencing encloses the fields behind the barn and runs along the eastern side of the immediate back yard of the house. A sidewalk connects Monte Vista Road to the front entrance of the house. Although the house is presently occupied and in good condition, the extensive use of aluminum siding has compromised its integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1885

Builder/Architect Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farmhouse and Agricultural Buildings

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5.83 acres

Acreage surveyed 5.83 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 215, Map 78, Grid 20

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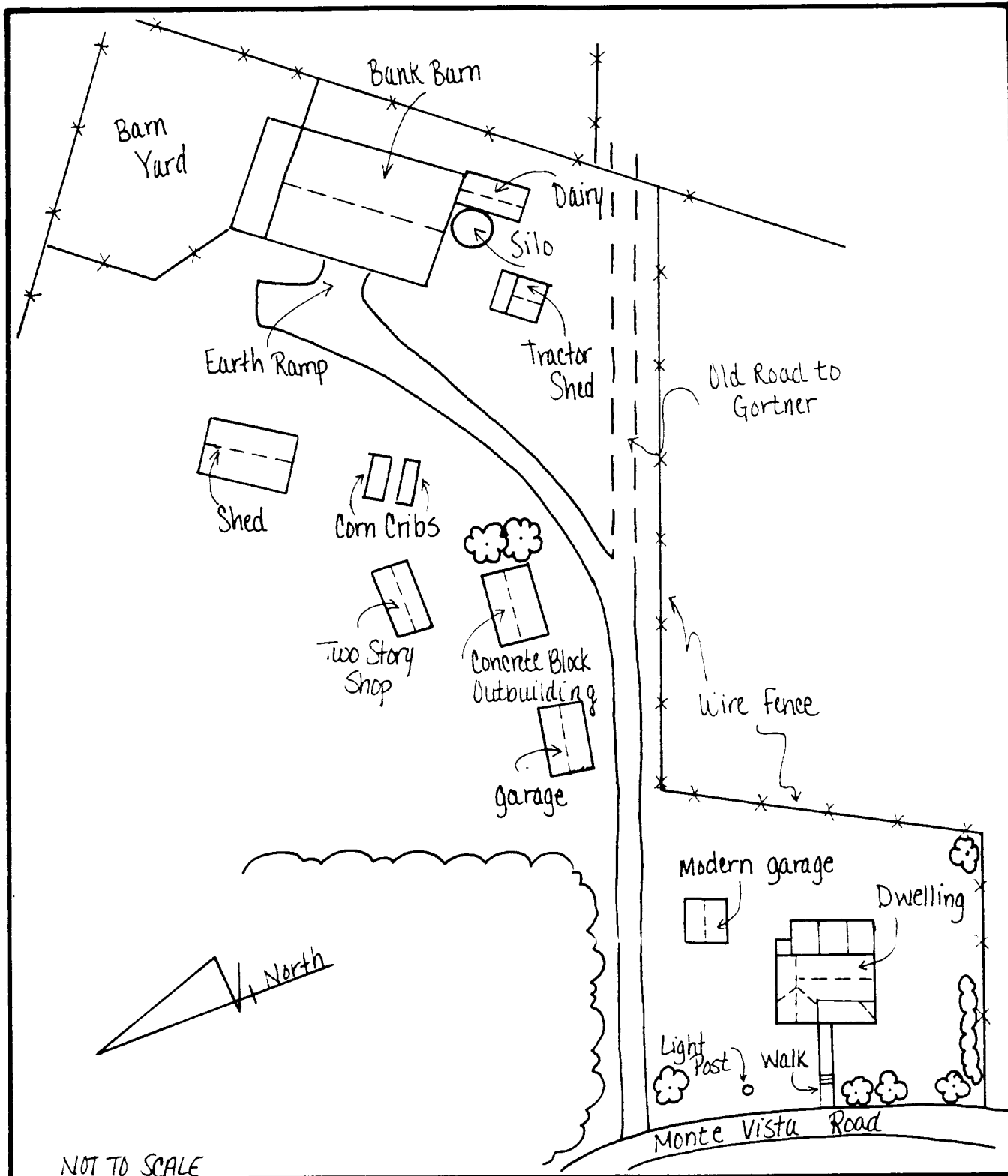
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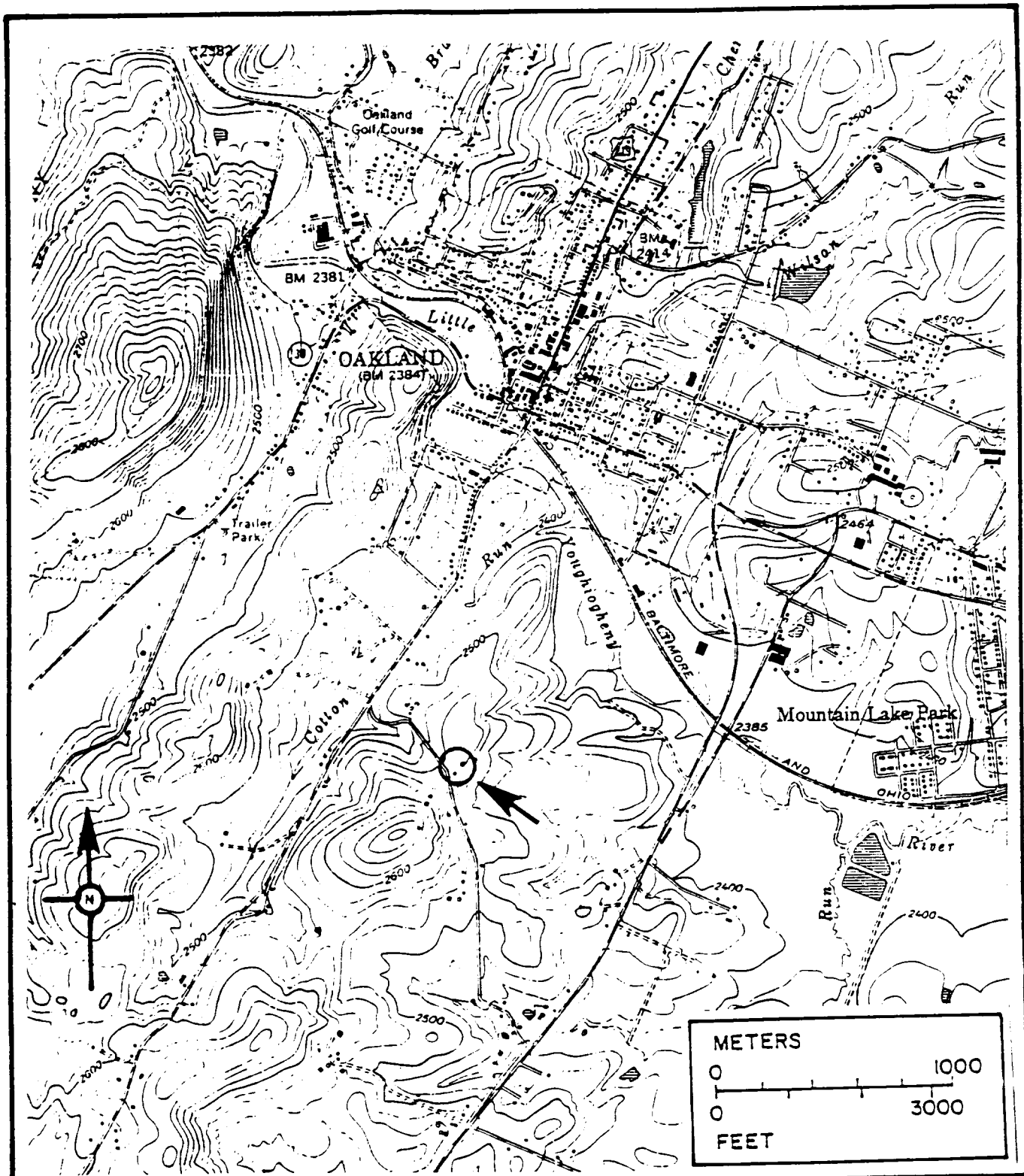
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Resource Sketch Map

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 Donald E. Bittinger Farm
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Donald E. Bittinger Farm

Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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